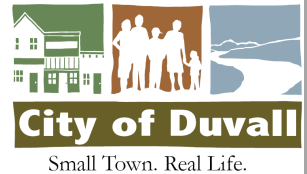


# CURRENT & FUTURE POLICY

*This bulletin briefly highlights current and future policy work within the City.*



## Current Policy Work:

- ▶ The City has begun work on updating its stormwater ordinance, its tree protection ordinance, and its sensitive area protection ordinance. Later this year (2017), the City will begin updating its landscape ordinance.
- ▶ The City has organized advisory committees consisting of elected leaders, city staff, planning commissioners, field professionals, and local citizens to assist in the formation of updated stormwater, tree protection, and critical area protection ordinances.
- ▶ The update of the City's stormwater ordinance will reflect new state mandates for stormwater management including provisions for inclusion of low-impact techniques.
- ▶ The update of the City's tree protection ordinance will include improvements to current code deficiencies and include better management practices.



- ▶ The update of the City's sensitive areas protection ordinance will reflect new state requirements and local preferences. Sensitive areas include but are not limited to wetlands, streams, rivers, shorelines, lakes, and steep slopes.
- ▶ The update of the City's landscape ordinance will be a minor update for the purpose of implementing policies from the City's Watershed Plan.
- ▶ The City also plans to update its common open space standards for new residential developments to better ensure desired outcomes.

## Future Policy Work:

- ▶ The City plans to update its Design Standards Ordinance in the near future. Design Standards apply to new commercial and residential developments and address such things as architectural design, how buildings relate to the public realm (street), site design, streetscape design, and stormwater management design.
- ▶ The City also plans to update its Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan. This plan was last updated in 2008.



- ▶ A major update to the City's landscape ordinance will occur at a future date to reflect lessons learned and improve code requirements.
- ▶ The City will also be updating the City's sign ordinance to reflect recent court case decisions that have a major impact on how sign regulations are written.

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